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To: All Interested Parties

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Re: Request for Qualifications

12-RFQ-01

Professional Services - Electricity Procurement Planning

Illinois Procurement Bulletin Number 22029050

Bidder Call Participants

The IPA today held a non-mandatory bidder conference call. The following entities participated:

- Navigant <u>www.navigant.com</u>
- 2. La Capra Associates, Inc. www.lacapra.com
- 3. Alert IT Solutions, Inc. www.AlertITSolutions.com

- 4. PA Consulting www.paconsulting.com
- 5. GSM Development, LLC www.gsmdevelopment.com
- 6. Adica, LLC www.adica.smartgrid.com

Q&A

- 1. Is there an incumbent who has been providing this service currently? Yes, Adica, LLC
- Can we know the remuneration being received by the current consulting service, if any?
 No. Costs of prior services are not relevant to the going forward needs of the Agency. We have inhouse staff who will be assuming some of the work formerly performed by the incumbent.
- 3. What is the timing of the RFP selection process?

 The goal is to have a contract in place as soon after the first of the year as possible. We hope to issue the short list and RFP before Thanksgiving.
- 4. Must potential conflicts of interest that pre-date the formation of the IPA be reported? While such prior engagements will not rule out an offeror, disclosure should be made. If you have participated in a docketed (ICC or FERC) proceeding in the last seven years, please identify the docket number.
- 5. Are prior Procurement Plans available for viewing?
 Yes, the current plan being litigated before the ICC and prior approved plans are available on the IPA web site at www.illinois.gov/IPA
- 6. Is there a minority participation requirement? Are the estimated total man-hours for the engagement known?
 - Yes, see Section B.4.1 of the RFQ. "In addition to the above, all successful applicants will submit a minority, female and persons with disability participation and utilization plan." Engagement manhours can be highly variable and may depend on changing regulatory and legislative requirements. Utilization plans should focus on areas of expertise rather than man-hours of utilization. See also Attachment NN at page 46 of the RFQ.